Policy - Release Candidates

Dates

- As of: 2016-04

Policy

Release candidates for all major and minor Fedora releases (see: Semantic Versioning) will be available for public testing for a period of three weeks before publishing the official release. If subsequent release candidates are published as a result of bugs discovered in testing, an additional week of testing MAY be added to the schedule per additional release candidate.

Exception: Release candidates for point or bug releases MAY have a shorter period of public testing.

Notification of Fedora release candidates will be published to the following mailing lists:

- fedora-tech@googlegroups.com
- fedora-community@googlegroups.com
- samvera-tech@googlegroups.com

Note: The islandora-dev group is being archived, it is suggested to either email the islandora@googlegroups.com group or just announce the release in their Slack.

The email template below will be used for announcing release candidates.

Do not copy and paste the below text directly into an email client. Instead copy and paste it into a text editor (Notepad, TextEdit, etc), then edit as necessary and finally copy and paste (without formatting) into your email client.

Initial Release Candidate Template

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Subject:
Fedora X.Y.Z Release Candidate - 1
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Body:
The Fedora X.Y.Z release candidate is available for testing. Pending any issues discovered in the testing of
the release candidate, the X.Y.Z release is planned for <date>.

The primary features/updates found in this release include:
* ...

The following is a full list of JIRA tickets found in this release:
<link to JIRA query>

There are several ways you can test this release candidate:
1) Download the one-click-run [1]
2) Download the war file to deploy into a servlet container [2]
3) Run in docker [3]

Please provide your feedback on the release testing page [4].

Regards,
<Release manager>

[1] https://github.com/fcrepo/fcrepo/releases/tag/fcrepo-X.Y.Z-RC-1
[2]  [1] https://github.com/fcrepo4/fcrepo/releases/tag/fcrepo-X.Y.Z-RC-1
[3] https://github.com/fcrepo-exts/fcrepo-docker
[4] https://wiki.lyrasis.org/display/FF/Release+Testing+-+X.Y.Z
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Subsequent Release Candidate Template

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Subject:
Fedora X.Y.Z Release Candidate - <2|3|N>
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Based on testing feedback [1] from the most recent X.Y.Z release candidate, the following tickets have been
addressed and incorporated into a new release candidate:
# <module-1>
* <list of jira tickets>

# <module-n>
* <list of jira tickets>

Please help with some simple testing of this release candidate:
1) Download the one-click-run [1]
2) Download the war file to deploy into a servlet container [2]
3) Run in docker [3]

The planned release of X.Y.Z has now been extended one week to <new-date>. Please ensure you have provided your
feedback before then.
Regards,
<Release manager>

[1] https://github.com/fcrepo/fcrepo/releases/tag/fcrepo-X.Y.Z-RC-1
[2] [1] https://github.com/fcrepo/fcrepo/releases/tag/fcrepo-X.Y.Z-RC-1
[3] https://github.com/fcrepo-exts/fcrepo-docker
[4] https://wiki.lyrasis.org/display/FF/Release+Testing+-+X.Y.Z
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